

The Gun
an original screenplay by
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FADE IN.

EXT. AFTERNOON -- A QUIET SUBURBAN NEIGHBOURHOOD

THREE TEENAGE GIRLS walk together. They are walking home from school. Each one has a backpack slung on her back or shoulder. The girls are laughing and chatting, but not saying anything discernible.

In the background are normal noises, children laughing, a car honking, birds singing.

One of the girls points to a park just across the street.

The girls agree and cross the street.

EXT. AFTERNOON -- THE PARK ACROSS THE STREET - CONTINUOUS

The girls continue walking together enjoying the late fall afternoon. As they do, one of the girls trips and stumbles forward, but she does not fall.

The other two girls help her, but the first girl lets go and turns back to see what she tripped on.

As she does, she sees a black handgun lying on the ground.

POV

The girl's face as she is stunned to see a gun just lying there in the park.

GIRL 1

Why is there a gun in the park?

POV

The other two girls shake their heads as if to say they should ignore it.

GIRL 2

Who would leave something like that there?

GIRL 3

We need to call the police.
(she takes out her
cell)

Girl 1 starts to walk towards the gun.

GIRL 2

Leave it!

Girl 1 looks back at her friends.

GIRL 1
No! We need to get it off the ground
so no one gets hurt.
(she picks it up)

Girl 2 rushes towards Girl 1.

GIRL 2
Put that down!

The two girls struggle and the gun goes off.

A loud shot is heard.

The two girls look up and see Girl 3 holding her stomach.
She drops her phone and falls to her knees and then to the
ground.

GIRL 1
Oh no! Oh no!

GIRL 2
What have you done?

GIRL 1
It wasn't me.

Girl 2 rushes to Girl 3's side.

V.O.
911 what's your emergency?

POV

As the voice of 911 keeps repeating, the camera closes in on
the face of Girl 1. She's still holding the gun. She looks
down at it, her face a mask of grief. She's stunned at what's
happened. She slowly lets go of the gun and it falls to the
ground.

FADE OUT.